Faulty functioning of TV transmitters in rural and backwards areas

†529. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several complaints have been received regarding faulty functioning of T.V. transmitters especially from the rural and backward areas during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government to ensure flawless functioning of T.V. transmitters?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) It has been informed by Doordarshan that performance of TV transmitters in Doordarshan Network is generally satisfactory though complaints of malfunctioning of some transmitters are received from time to time. No centralized data is maintained in this regard.

(c) All efforts are made by Doordarshan to attend to the complaints promptly; However, in the case of Very Low Power Transmitters which are unmanned installations, it takes some time to attend to the complaints as maintenance staff has to be sent from the nearly Maintenance Centres.

Law for checking surrogate advertisements

530. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose a law to check surrogate advertisements resulting that no brand that is a namesake of liquor brands in the market can be advertised on T.V. or Radio;

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